

of the alleged illegal allotment of coal by Eastern Coalfields Limited as reported in Nav Bharat Times dated February 19, 1992;

(b) if so, whether any raid was conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether CBI investigation is proposed to be conducted against the guilty officers responsible for the losses of Coal India Limited; and

(e) the action taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Industries in Bihar

6546. SHRI TEJ NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the raw materials being supplied from the hill areas of Bihar to plain areas for the industries;

(b) whether any industry based on the raw material produced in Bihar has been set up in Bihar;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) As per information furnished by the State Government of Bihar, raw materials like pig iron, steel scraps etc. are being supplied from Hilly areas of Bihar to plain areas.

(b) and (c). Yes, Sir. Industries based on the raw materials like iron ore, coal, lime stone, pyrites, copper, mica, sugarcane, molasses, jute, leather, raw hides and skins etc. which are available in Bihar, have been set up in the State.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Revamping of Small scale and cottage Industries

6547. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to revamp the small scale and cottage industry sector in the light of new industrial and licensing policy;

(b) whether the government propose to reserve production of some items in small scale and cottage industries only;

(c) if so, the names of these items; and

(d). If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Policy measures for promoting and strengthening small, tiny and village enterprises laid in Parliament on 6.8.1991 are intended to impact more vitality and growth-impetus to this sector by providing various facilities and support measures.

(b) to (d). As on date, 836 items are reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector. In the Industrial Policy announced on 24th July, 1991, it has been stated that the reservation policy would continue. The list of 836 items reserved for the small scale sector is given in Schedule-III of

the Gazette Notification No. S.O 477(E), dated the 25th July, 1991.

Reservation of items is a continuous process and the list of reserved items is being reviewed periodically by the Advisory Committee on Reservation constituted under the Industries (development & regulation) Act, 1951. The Committee recommends to the Government items to be added, and deleted from the reserved list.

Losses by Praga Tools Limited

6548. SHRI DATTARYA BANDARU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Praga Tools Ltd., Secunderabad (Andhra Pradesh) during each of the last three years;

(b) the reasons therefor; and

(c) the remedial steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) profit (Loss) before tax of Praga Tools Ltd. (PTL) for the last three years is as follows:-

<i>Year</i>	<i>Rs in lakh profit (+)/ loss (-)</i>
1989-90	83.17
1990-91	(-) 169.88
1991-92 (Provisional)	9-242.69

(b) The company has incurred losses during the last two years mainly because of inadequate inflow of orders for capital goods like high tech, machines and forgings.

(c) All out efforts are on to get more orders for the company's products.

[Translation]

Compensation for withdrawal of Cess on Coal

6549. SHRI BHOGENDRA JHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state being taken by the government to compensate the continuous loss due to the withdrawal of cess on coal for the States of Bihar, Bengal and Orissa.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUNDA): Enactments levying cesses on coal of some of the State Governments including the State Governments of Bihar and Orissa have been struck down by courts.

Petitions against levy of such cesses by Government of West Bengal are sub-judice. Once an enactment levying cess on coal is struck off, such cess cannot be collected from the purchasers of coal. It is not possible for Government of India to compensate the concerned State Governments for the losses consequent to the withdrawal of the cesses. However, Government of India has since enhanced rates of royalty on coal produced in States where cesses on coal have been withdrawn. Revenues from enhanced rates of royalty on coal will accrue to the concerned State Governments.

Central Investment in Public Sector Undertaking in Orissa

6550. SHRI SRIKATA JENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment in Central public sector undertakings in Orissa is less as compared to other States;